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1. ON FEBRUARY 28 ECON COUNSELOR INFORMED PAM MCDOUGALL (DIRECTOR GENERAL, ECONOMIC AND SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS BUREAU, EXTAFF) OF U.S. PROPOSAL FOR IEA MEETING AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL. HE ADVANCED SUPPORTING ARGUMENTS CONFIDENTIAL

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CONTAINED PARA 2 OF REFTEL AND SOLICITED GOC SUPPORT.

- 2. MISS MCDOUGALL SAID THAT HER PERSONAL AND UNOFFICIAL REACTION WAS FAVORABLE. SHE SAID, HOWEVER. THAT THIS QUESTION WOULD REQUIRE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION AT MINISTERIAL-LEVEL IN GOC AND SHE THOUGHT IT WOULD PROBABLY NOT REPEAT NOT BE POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE BEFORE MARCH 6-7 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING, PARTICULARLY SINCE EXTAFF MINISTER MACEACHEN IS LEAVING THIS WEEKEND FOR COMMONWEALTH MEETING IN LONDON. DURING DISCUSSION MISS MACDOUGALL ASKED RHETORICALLY HOW FRENCH MIGHT REACT AND THEN COMMENTED THAT PERHAPS IF IEA MINISTERIAL MEETING FOLLOWED SUCCESSFUL PREPARATORY COMMITTEE MEETING FRENCH WOULD FIND IT EASIER TO ACCEPT.
- 3. OUR PROPOSED DATE OF MAY 26 CREATED SOME CONFUSION AS EXTAFF APPARENTLY NOT AWARE OF U.S. SUGGESTION FOR MAY DATES FOR OECD MINISTERIAL. AFTER CONSULTING HER COLLEAGUES, MISS MCDOUGALL SAID GOC HAD HEARD VIA ITS FINANCE DEPARTMENT THAT U.S. WAS THINKING OF OECD MINISTERIAL IN MID-JUNE IN CONJUNCTION WITH A STRING OF RELATED MEETINGS INCLUDING G-10 AND IMF INTERIM COMMITTEE. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION.
- 4. ECON COUNSELOR STRESSED DESIRE TO AVOID PREMATURE DISCLOSURE OF U.S. PROPOSAL FOR IEA MINISTERIAL AND MISS MCDOUGALL ASSURED HIM THAT GOC WOULD HOLD INFORMATION CLOSELY. PORTER

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